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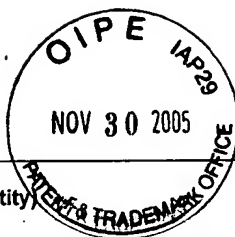
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Invention:

Ethylene-Carboxyl Copolymers As Drug Delivery Matrices

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Phan:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, which has a shortened statutory period for reply that is set to expire on December 29, 2005.

Amendments to Claims begin at page 2.

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